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SUBJ: SOVIET VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN CAMBODIA

1. IN CONTEXT OF PRESENT SPATE OF SPECULATION ON WHERE-ABOUTS OF CAMBODIAN DEPUTY PRIMIN IENG SARY AND ON POSSIBLE READJUSTMENTS TAKING PLACE WITHIN CAMBODIAN LEADERSHIP, EMBASSY PASSES ON FOR WHATEVER THEY ARE WORTH COMMENTS OF SOVIET EMBASSY'S SO-CALLED CAMBODIA WATCHER, VLADIMIR GAISSINE, TO INDONESIAN DIPLOMAT NOVEMBER 11. GAISSINE SAID SOVIETS BELIEVE PHNOM PENH IS CURRENTLY IN MIDST OF A POWER STRUGGLE, WITH PRIMIN POL POT AND IENG SARY AMONG THE LOSERS. HE NOTED THAT POL POT IS BELIEVED TO BE IN THE VIETNAMESE POCKET AND, ALONG WITH IENG SARY, IS BEING CRITICIZED FOR THAT REASON.

2. ASKED IF IENG SARY IS CONDUCTING TALKS IN MOSCOW AT
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PRESENT, GAISSINE SAID "I HOPE SO". HE SUGGESTED THAT

IENG SARY MAY EVEN BE PLANNING TO DEFECT BECAUSE OF THE TROUBLE HE IS IN. WHILE HE COULD DEFECT IN MOSCOW, HE COULD PROBABLY DO SO MORE QUIETLY IN A PLACE EQUALLY SAFE, SUCH AS CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GAISSINE OPINED.

3. THE INDONESIAN ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN CAMBODIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS, TO WHICH GAISSINE REPLIED "IT'S TOO SOON YET". THE SOVIET NOTED THAT HIS COUNTRY'S TIES WITH LAOS ARE EXCELLENT, "EVEN BETTER THAN WITH VIET-NAM".
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